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SUMMARY. UK, US, USSR AND FRENCH DELS MET BEFORE SPECIAL COMMITTEE CONVENED TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE TACTICS AND PROCEDURES FOR SPECIAL COMMITTEE. SPECIAL COMMITTEE MET BRIEFLY IN AFTERNOON AND ADJOURNED UNTIL 3PM TUESDAY FOR INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMPOSITION OF COMMITTEE'S BUREAU.

1. US, UK, FRENCH AND USSR DELS MET AM 2/27 AT UK MISSION TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING MEETING. USSR AND FRENCH DELS INDICATED INCLINATION TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE COMMITTEE DO SECOND READING OF SECRETARIAT ANALYTICAL STUDY. US AND UK ARGUED AGAINST THIS APPROACH AS IT WOULD ONLY INFURIATE REST OF COMMITTEE. US DEL URGED WE RECOGNIZE THAT ELABORATION OF LIST OF ISSUES IS NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS AND THAT WE SEEK STRUCTURE THIS EXERCISE IN AS USEFUL AND NON-CONTROVERSIAL A MANNER AS POSSIBLE.

2. SOVIETS SUGGESTED HAVING COMMITTEE LIST ONLY THOSE PROPOSALS NOT REQUIRING CHARTER AMENDMENT. US OBJECTED ON GROUNDS THAT OTHERS WOULD INSIST ON LISTING PROPOSALS REQUIRING CHANGE AND WE COULD NOT SUCCESSFULLY OBJECT TO THAT THUS LEADING TO UNNECESSARILY SHARP DISTINCTION  
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BETWEEN PROPOSALS REQUIRING AMENDMENT AND THOSE THAT DID NOT. US CONSIDERED THERE WAS DANGER IN SEPARATING PROPOSALS IN THAT MANNER AND THAT BETTER WAY WOULD BE TO BREAK PROPOSALS DOWN UNDER CONCEPTS THUS REFLECTING BROAD SPECTRUM OF WAYS TO STRENGTHEN ORGANIZATION.

3. FOUR THEN DISCUSSED RECENT MEXICAN APPROACH IN

WASHINGTON, PARIS, MOSCOW, LONDON, TO BREAK DISCUSSION DOWN INTO FIVE SUBJECT AREAS ENUMERATED IN MEXICAN WORKING PAPER SUBMITTED AT 1977 COMMITTEE SESSION, L.13, (PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES; RATIONALIZATION OF THE EXISTING PROCEDURES; MAINTENANCE OF INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY; DECOLONIZATION AND; ADMINISTRATIVE AND FINANCIAL ASPECTS) WITH TWO SUB-COMMITTEES. SOVIET AND FRENCH DELS OPPOSED CREATION OF ANY SUB-COMMITTEES; UK OBJECTED ONLY IF IT MEANT SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUP WOULD MEET SIMULTANEOUSLY; US WAS FLEXIBLE. US SUGGESTED THAT TOPICS ENUMERATED IN MEXICAN WORKING PAPER (L.13) BE USED AS BASIS FOR DRAWING UP LIST CALLED FOR IN RES 32/45. UK SUGGESTED FOLLOWING TOPICS THAT COULD BE ADDED TO ONES CONTAINED IN L.13: GENERAL SUGGESTIONS; COORDINATION WITH OTHER UN ORGANS IN FIELD OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES; FACILITATING GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FUNCTIONING OF THE UN. US SUGGESTED THAT, IN THIS WAY, THE FOUR COULD POSSIBLY EVEN AGREE TO SOME PROPOSALS AND SUGGESTIONS UNDER EACH TOPIC. MEETING CONCLUDED WITH FOUR AGREEING TO TRY "TOPIC" APPROACH TO LISTING OF PROPOSALS AND TO CONTINUE TO COORDINATE ON TACTICS.

4. SPECIAL COMMITTEE MET BRIEFLY IN PM OF 2/27. UN LEGAL COUNSEL SUY OPENED MEETING AS ACTING CHAIRMAN AND NOTED ON-GOING CONSULTATIONS ON COMPOSITION OF BUREAU AND ADJOURNED COMMITTEE UNTIL 3 PM TUESDAY SO INFORMAL  
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CONSULTATIONS COULD CONTINUE. COMMITTEE WIDE CONSULTATIONS INDICATE MAJORITY SUPPORT FOR CONTINUING WITH LAST YEAR'S BUREAU. HOWEVER, SOME LATINS ARE SUGGESTING GAVARIA (COLOMBIA) AS CHAIRMAN. GENERAL TREND IS THAT THE COMMITTEE WILL MOST LIKELY CONTINUE WITH LAST YEAR'S BUREAU WITH BROMS (FINLAND) AS CHAIRMAN. YOUNG

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